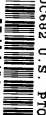


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Megumi Umezawa; Ichiro Ogawa; and Manabu Nakamura.

For: "IMAGE RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS"

8 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. will be forwarded.

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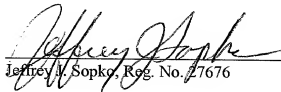
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